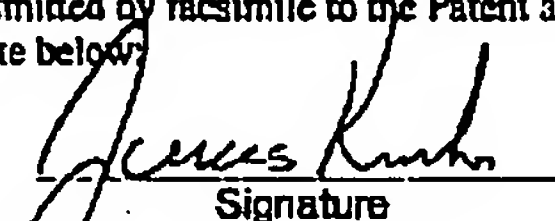


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 15, 006, please consider the included remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

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